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ABBREVIATIONS

AJSL	American Journal of Semitic Languages and Literatures.
AV	Avesta
GK	Greek
JAOS	Journal of the American Oriental Society
OP	Old Persian
RV	Rig Veda
Y	Yasna